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LCO No. 1155

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONFORMING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS TO THE
REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF CONNECTICUT
REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 For the purpose of representation in the Congress of the United
4 States, there shall be elected in the manner provided by law one
5 representative from each of the [six] five congressional districts, [into
6 which the state shall be divided, as follows:

7 (Districts omitted. See footnote*.)]

8 Sec. 2. Section 10a-170h of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

10 Loan candidates shall make application to the Commissioner of
11 Higher Education on such forms and at such time as prescribed by said
12 commissioner. Loan recipients shall be selected by the Commissioners

13 of Education and Higher Education, provided said commissioners
14 shall consider affirmative action and equal opportunity goals when
15 selections are made. In the event the number of eligible applicants is in
16 excess of the number of loans available, academic standing and
17 financial need may be considered by the commissioners in selecting
18 loan recipients. Loans under this program shall be in an amount not
19 greater than five thousand dollars per year for not more than four
20 years for students attending independent colleges and universities and
21 not greater than three thousand dollars per year for not more than four
22 years for students attending public colleges and universities. In order
23 to maintain eligible status under this grant program, each recipient
24 shall continue to be enrolled in an accredited college or university and
25 shall demonstrate compliance with the academic standards established
26 by the Commissioners of Education and Higher Education through an
27 annual reapplication process, at such time and in such manner as
28 prescribed by the Commissioner of Higher Education. No student shall
29 receive the proceeds of a loan until said student has submitted a letter
30 from an accredited college or university certifying full-time
31 enrollment. Sixty per cent of the loans awarded annually shall be
32 divided equally among the resident applicants of the state's ~~[six]~~ five
33 congressional districts with the balance awarded on a state-wide basis.
34 If any of the loans designated for resident applicants of any one
35 congressional district are not accepted by a date to be determined by
36 the Commissioner of Higher Education, all such loans not accepted
37 shall be awarded on a state-wide basis.

38 Sec. 3. Section 22-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

40 There shall continue to be a Marketing Authority within the
41 Department of Agriculture. The authority shall continue to have and
42 exercise the powers and duties authorized for it by this chapter. Such
43 authority shall consist of eleven members. The authority shall be
44 composed of one public member from each congressional district of
45 the state, ~~[an]~~ two at-large public ~~[member]~~ members, the

46 Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee, and the Commissioner
 47 of Economic and Community Development or his designee. The
 48 Governor shall appoint three members of the authority and the
 49 president pro tempore of the Senate, the Senate minority leader, the
 50 speaker of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the
 51 House of Representatives shall each appoint one member. In addition,
 52 the Governor shall appoint two members of the authority who shall be
 53 tenants of the Hartford market facility. Any vacancy in the
 54 membership of said authority shall be filled by appointment for the
 55 unexpired portion of the term. The name of the authority shall be
 56 "Connecticut Marketing Authority". The members of the authority
 57 shall serve without compensation, but their necessary expenses
 58 incurred in the performance of their duties shall be paid by the state.
 59 Any member absent from three consecutive meetings shall be deemed
 60 to have resigned.

61 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 22a-134bb of the general statutes is
 62 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 63 *January 1, 2003*):

64 (b) The powers of the service shall be vested in and exercised by a
 65 board of directors. The membership of the board shall consist of (1)
 66 four ex-officio nonvoting members which shall include the Secretary of
 67 the Office of Policy and Management or his designee, and the
 68 Commissioners of Public Health, Transportation and Environmental
 69 Protection or their designees, (2) six members appointed by the
 70 Governor, [each] five of whom shall be from [a] different congressional
 71 [district] districts, and (3) one member appointed by the Governor who
 72 shall be the chairman of the board. Two of such members shall be
 73 representatives of the scientific community; two shall be
 74 representatives of the general public with no financial interest in the
 75 hazardous waste disposal industry and two shall be members of the
 76 business community. No elected official shall be eligible for
 77 appointment to the board during the term of his elected office. After
 78 the date upon which the board has selected a site for the location of a

79 low-level radioactive waste facility, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
80 and Management or his designee, and the Commissioners of Public
81 Health, Transportation and Environmental Protection or their
82 designees shall become voting members of the board, provided if the
83 Nuclear Regulatory Commission fails to approve the licensure of the
84 facility such members of the board shall again become nonvoting
85 members until such time as the board selects another site for the
86 location of the facility.

87 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 27-102l of the general statutes is
88 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
89 *January 1, 2003*):

90 (b) The commissioner shall appoint a deputy, to administer a
91 veterans' advocacy and assistance unit for the aid and benefit of
92 veterans, their spouses and eligible dependents and family members.
93 The unit shall have a staff of not less than eight men and women,
94 including six service officers, and clerical personnel. The department
95 head, the deputy commissioner and the service officers shall be
96 veterans as defined in section 27-103 or veterans who were awarded
97 the armed forces expeditionary medal for service by the armed forces.
98 At least one of the service officers shall be a woman having a
99 demonstrated interest in the concerns of women veterans, who shall be
100 responsible for addressing those concerns. Each service officer shall
101 successfully complete a course in veterans' benefits within one year of
102 commencement of employment and shall be assigned to one of the
103 ~~[six]~~ five congressional districts of the state.

104 Sec. 6. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 51-44a of the general
105 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
106 (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

107 (a) There is established a Judicial Selection Commission comprised
108 of twelve members. Two persons shall be appointed from each
109 congressional district and two persons shall be appointed from the
110 state at-large, one each of whom shall be an attorney-at-law and one

111 each of whom shall not be an attorney-at-law. Not more than six of the
 112 members shall belong to the same political party. None of the
 113 members shall be an elected or appointed official of the state or hold
 114 state-wide office in a political party.

115 (b) The members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:
 116 The Governor shall appoint six members, one from each congressional
 117 district and one from the state at-large, who shall be attorneys-at-law;
 118 the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House
 119 of Representatives shall each appoint one member who shall not be an
 120 attorney-at-law; the majority leader of the Senate and the majority
 121 leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member
 122 who shall not be an attorney-at-law; and the minority leader of the
 123 Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives shall
 124 each appoint one member, who shall not be an attorney-at-law.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2003</i>

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